

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 44 and 58 as set forth below.

A complete listing of all claims in this application is set forth below.

Claims 1-25 (canceled).

26. (previously presented) A method of adding an additional instrument to a vehicle having a dashboard housing and an instrument cluster assembly, comprising the steps of:

removing an original dashboard bezel from a bezel mounting space defined between said dashboard housing and said instrument cluster assembly, said original dashboard bezel possessing no instrument mounts;

DI installing a replacement dashboard bezel in said bezel mounting space, said replacement dashboard bezel having (i) a body substantially conforming in dimension to said original dashboard bezel, and (ii) at least one instrument mount; and

locating an instrument in said at least one instrument mount.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein said locating step occurs after said installing step.

28. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein said locating step occurs before said installing step.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein said at least one instrument mount includes an opening configured to receive said additional instrument.

30. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein:
said instrument cluster assembly includes a window and a speedometer,
said speedometer is located on a backside of said window whereby a driver of said vehicle may view said speedometer through said window, and
said instrument mount is located on a front side of said window after said replacement dashboard bezel is installed in said installing step.

31. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein said instrument cluster assembly includes a speedometer.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein:
said dashboard housing includes a rim which defines a viewing opening through which a driver of said vehicle may view said instrument cluster assembly, and
said installing step includes the step of securing said replacement dashboard bezel adjacent to said rim.

33. (previously presented) An after-market dashboard bezel, comprising:
a body configured to be mounted in a bezel mounting space defined
between a dashboard housing and an instrument cluster assembly of a vehicle;
and
an instrument mount secured to said body.

34. (previously presented) The after-market dashboard bezel of claim 33,
wherein said instrument mount is integrally formed with said body.

DI 35. (previously presented) The after-market dashboard bezel of claim 33,
wherein:

said body is formed by an upper body portion, a lower body portion, a
right side portion coupled to a first side of said upper body portion and a first side
of said lower body portion, and a left side portion coupled to a second side of
said upper body portion and a second side of said lower body portion, and

said upper body portion, said lower body portion, said right side portion,
and left side portion collectively define a viewing opening.

36. (previously presented) The after-market dashboard bezel of claim 35,
wherein said upper body portion, said lower body portion, said right side portion,
and left side portion of said body are integrally formed with one another.

37. (previously presented) The after-market dashboard bezel of claim 35, wherein said instrument mount is positioned proximate to said lower body portion.

38. (previously presented) The after-market dashboard bezel of claim 37, further comprising a second instrument mount disposed proximate said lower body portion.

39. (previously presented) The after-market dashboard bezel of claim 38, wherein:

said first instrument mount is positioned proximate to said right side portion, and

said second instrument mount is positioned proximate to said left side portion.

40. (previously presented) A method of modifying a vehicle having a dashboard housing and an instrument cluster assembly, comprising the steps of:

removing an original dashboard bezel from a bezel mounting space defined between said dashboard housing and said instrument cluster assembly, said original dashboard bezel possessing no instrument mounts; and

installing a replacement dashboard bezel in said bezel mounting space, said replacement dashboard bezel having at least one instrument mount.

41. (previously presented) The method of claim 40, wherein said at least one instrument mount is configured to retain an additional instrument.

42. (previously presented) The method of claim 40, wherein:
said instrument cluster assembly includes a window and a speedometer,
said speedometer is located on a backside of said window whereby a driver of said vehicle may view said speedometer through said window, and
said instrument mount is located on a front side of said window after said replacement dashboard bezel is installed in said installing step.

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43. (previously presented) The method of claim 40, wherein said instrument cluster assembly includes a speedometer.

44. (currently amended) The ~~instrument bezel~~ method of claim 40, wherein:
said dashboard housing includes a rim which defines a viewing opening through which a driver of said vehicle may view said instrument cluster assembly, and
said installing step includes the step of securing said replacement dashboard bezel adjacent to said rim.

Claims 45-51 (canceled).


52. (previously presented) A method of adding an instrument to a vehicle that includes a speedometer, comprising the steps of:

removing an original vehicle part from a mounting space of the vehicle, wherein the original vehicle part has a viewing opening through which a driver of the vehicle may view the speedometer when the original vehicle part is located in the mounting space of the vehicle, and wherein the original vehicle part possesses no instrument mounts;

installing a replacement vehicle part in the mounting space after the removing step, wherein the replacement vehicle part has at least one instrument mount; and

locating the instrument in the at least one instrument mount.

53. (previously presented) The method of claim 52, wherein:
the vehicle further includes a dashboard having a dashboard opening through which the driver of the vehicle may view the speedometer,
the original vehicle part is configured to substantially conform to the dashboard opening, and
the replacement vehicle part is also configured to substantially conform to the dashboard opening.



54. (previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein:
the dashboard includes a rim which defines the dashboard opening, and
the installing step includes the step of securing the replacement vehicle part adjacent to the rim.

55. (previously presented) The method of claim 52, wherein the locating step occurs after the installing step.

56. (previously presented) The method of claim 52, wherein the locating step occurs before the installing step.


57. (previously presented) The method of claim 52, wherein:
the vehicle includes an instrument cluster assembly having a housing and
a window,
the instrument cluster assembly includes the speedometer,
the speedometer is located on a backside of the window whereby the
driver of the vehicle may view the speedometer through the window, and
the at least one instrument mount is located on a front side of the window
after the replacement vehicle part is installed in the vehicle in the installing step.

58. (currently amended) A method of modifying a vehicle that includes a
speedometer, comprising the steps of:

removing an original vehicle part from a mounting space of the vehicle,
wherein (i) the original vehicle part has a first viewing opening through which a
driver of the vehicle may view the speedometer when the original vehicle part is
located in the mounting space of the vehicle, and (ii) the original vehicle part
possesses no instrument mounts; and

installing a replacement vehicle part in the mounting space after the
removing step, wherein (i) the replacement vehicle part has a second viewing
opening through which the driver of the vehicle may view the speedometer when
the replacement vehicle part is located in the mounting space of the vehicle, and
(ii) the ~~original~~ replacement vehicle part possesses at least one instrument
mount.

59. (previously presented) The method of claim 58, wherein:
the vehicle further includes a dashboard having a dashboard opening
through which the driver of the vehicle may view the speedometer,
the original vehicle part is configured to substantially conform to the
dashboard opening, and
the replacement vehicle part is also configured to substantially conform to
the dashboard opening.



60. (previously presented) The method of claim 59, wherein:
the dashboard includes a rim which defines the dashboard opening, and
the installing step includes the step of securing the replacement vehicle
part adjacent to the rim.

61. (previously presented) The method of claim 58, wherein:
the vehicle includes an instrument cluster assembly having a window,
the instrument cluster assembly includes the speedometer,
the speedometer is located on a backside of the window whereby the
driver of the vehicle may view the speedometer through the window, and
the at least one instrument mount is located on a front side of the window
after the replacement vehicle part is installed in the vehicle in the installing step.